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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
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☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
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3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	3, 5, 10
	No: Claims	1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11-14
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-14
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-14
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V.

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:
D1 : US 6 305 221 B1 (HUTCHINGS LAWRENCE J) 23 October 2001 (2001-10-23)
D2 : US 6 366 855 B1 (REILLY RICHARD H ET AL) 2 April 2002 (2002-04-02)

2 NOVELTY

- 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):
a device to determine the road followed by a person on foot (col. 16, lines 33-37 & fig. 1), the device having a plurality of inertia sensors attached to various parts of the body of the person (col. 26, lines 4-15 & col. 23, lines 33-37), which measure the absolute orientation of a particular part of the body (col. 26, lines 6-7), means to determine the instant at which a person takes a step (col. 8, lines 3-5), an arithmetic unit with which the sensors and above-mentioned means are connected (col. 23, lines 53-55), the arithmetic unit determines the step distance (col. 23, lines 58-60) for every step as well as the cumulated step distance from a starting point (col. 24, lines 61-65).

Hence, all the features are known from D1.

- 2.2 All the features of claim 1 are also known from D2. See the passages mentioned in the search report.
- 2.3 The subject-matter of claims 2, 4, 6-9, 11-14 is also not new. The technical features of these claims can all be found in the search report cited passages of D1.

3 INVENTIVE STEP

- 3.1 Dependent claims 3, 5 and 10 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step, the reasons being as follows:

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Claims 3 and 5 relate to slight constructional changes which although not specifically mentioned are implicitly disclosed in D1. The Kalman filter in claim 10 is not specifically disclosed in D1 (col. 23, lines 43-48); however it is standard practice for the skilled person to use such a filter (see D2, col. 4, lines 65-67 for example).

4. INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

The subject-matter of claims 1-14 are deemed to be industrially applicable in the field of pedestrian navigation.
